

**NEW ADVERTISEMENTS,  
WANTED.**

**A STEWARD** for the S.S.  
"ANGUSKIN."  
Apply to  
**ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,**  
AGENTS FOR THE PACIFIC LINE  
Hongkong, 6th April, 1893. 1700

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF  
HONGKONG.**

**IN-BANKRUPTCY.**

**IN THE MATTER OF MA SHUM OF THE  
KWONG CHEUNG SHOP, Victoria,  
-Hongkong, a Bankrupt.**

**MA SHUM**, lately carrying on Business in  
Co-partnership with other Persons under  
the Style of **KWONG CHEUNG SHOP**, at  
210, Queen's Road West, Hongkong, has  
been adjudged a Bankrupt under a  
Petition for Adjudication, filed in the Supreme  
Court of Hongkong in Bankruptcy, on the  
1st day of February, 1893, is hereby required  
to re-appear himself at the **ASSASS** Bankruptcy  
Wise, Esquire, Solicitor, of the said Court,  
at the **FIRST MEETING OF CREDITORS**  
to be held by the said Registrar on **MONDAY**,  
the 16th day of April, 1893, at **ELEVEN**  
O'CLOCK in the FORENOON.

**WILLIAM DOUGLAS WISE, Esq.**  
is the Official Assignee in the said Bankruptcy.

A Public Sitting will hereafter be appointed  
by the said Court for the said Bankrupt to pass  
his final examination, and to make application  
for his discharge, at which sitting notice will  
be given by the said **Official Assignee**.

At the First Meeting of Creditors the Registrar  
will receive the proofs of the Debts of the  
Creditors, who shall have proved their Debts  
respectively and the majority in value of the  
said Creditors shall thereby directed to choose  
a Meeting on an Assignee or Assignees of the  
Bankrupt's Estate and Effects to be called the  
Creditors' Assignee or Assignees.

Solicitors in the matter of the said  
Bankruptcy.

**HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.**

PRESIDENTIAL OF PRIZES.

**LADY DES VŒUX**, assisted by **MRS. GORDON CAMERON**, has kindly consented to present to the respective Winners at the CITY HALL, THIS AFTER-NOON, 6th April, at HALF-FAST-FOUR, A. A. SIBLTON HOOPER, Treasurer, and J. H. B. Secretary.

Hongkong, 6th April, 1888. (69)

**FOR SALE BY PRIVATE CONTRACT**


**A HANDSOME AMERICAN MANUFACTURE**  
**AND PEDAL BASS ORGAN.**

ALMOST NEW.

**DIMENSIONS**—Length, 4 feet 11 inches  
Height, 5 feet 2 inches, with 4 feet 4 inches  
in Walnut case, carved and polished.

The instrument has Six Octaves of Keys of  
C Scale, Six Sets of Reeds, Fifteen Stops, in  
Diapason, Melodion, Bass, Dulc., Principal,  
Celeste, Flute, O. A. M., Solo, Crescendo,  
Fing. Horn, Forte, Vox Humana, Octave  
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Set 30 Nones Fada Reads, 16 foot Pitch.  
Can be seen at the Office of the Daily Press  
any morning between the hours of 10 A.  
and Noon  
Hongkong, 6th April, 1888. (6)

ST. JOHN'S  I. O. D. G. E.  
No. 518 S.C.

**A N** EMERGENCY MEETING of the  
above LODGE will be held in FR  
MASON'S HALL, 24th Street, THIS EVEN  
13th, at 9 P. instant, at 8.30 for 9 P.  
precisely. VISITING BROTHERS are cordial  
invited.  
Hongkong, 6th April, 1888. (6)

TO LET.  
GODOWN, WANCHAI ROAD, 133.  
Apply to PUSTAU & Co.  
Hongkong, 6th April, 1888. (6)

**W** BREWERY HAS JUST RECEIVED  
Froude's English in West Indies.  
Kühnert's Steam Yachts and Launches.  
How to Build a Home.  
Baker's Practical Engineer's Handbook.  
Handbook of Volapük.  
Practical Hints on Shooting by 20 Bore.  
Boettcn's Dictionary, Geography, Biograph  
and History.  
Loo's Laws of Shipping, New Ed.  
Year Book of Medical Treatment.  
Shakespeare, in Case, complete.

Messrs, and  
 Vendors, New Wicker Work Baskets in  
 Satin.  
 Ladies' & Gent's Car Cases, Pocket Books,  
 Plain Glass Cabinet Photo Frames.  
 New Plush Photo Frames.  
 New Ladies Tennis Shirts.  
 New Men's Tennis Shirts.  
 Demon Tennis Rackets.  
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 Plato Glass Oval Mirrors.  
 Fresh Egyptian Cigarettes.  
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**"ADYNSINA"**  
3,851 Tons Register, George A. Leo, Commanding Officer, will be despatched for VANCOUVER, B. C. and SAN FRANCISCO via NAGASAKI, KOBE, and YOKOHAMA, on SATURDAY, 14th April, at THREE P.M.  
To be followed by the S. S. "BATAVIA" in May.  
Connection will be made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan Port, and at Vancouver with Pacific Coast Points and the Steamers of the PACIFIC COAST STEAMSHIP COMPANY and other Steamers.  
Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic Lines of Steamers.  
First-class Fares granted as follows:—

To San Francisco	175.00
To all other Ports of Call	200.00
and the United States	50.00
To Liverpool	320.00
To London	308.00
To other European Ports at proportionate rates	300.00
Special reduced rates granted to Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service, and Imperial Chinese and Japanese Customs, to Chinese on passage	100.00
Consular Expenses to accompany Cargo destined to Ports in the United States, should not be to the Company's Office addressed to	100.00
F. W. Power, District Freight Agent, Vancouver, B.C.	
Freight will be received on Board till 4 o'clock on the 11th April.	
Goods must be sent to our Office should be marked to address in full; and same will be received by us until 5 p.m. day previous to sailing.	
For further information as to Passage or Freight apply to	
ADAMSON, BELL & CO.	
Agents	
Hongkong, 23th March, 1893.	



# CHRONICLE AND DIRECTORY

FOR 1888.  
WITH WHICH IS INCORPORATED  
THE CHINA DIRECTORY  
(PRINTED IN 1887).  
COMPANY, WITH APPENDIX, PLANS, &c.,  
Royal 8vo., pp. 1,200.....\$5.00.  
SINGAPORE: H. J. LAY, Proprietor.

THE CHRONICLE AND DIRECTORY  
has been thoroughly revised and brought up  
to date, and is again much increased in bulk.  
It contains DESCRIPTIVE AND STATISTICAL  
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HONGKONG, APRIL 6th, 1888.

In the Legislative Council on Wednesday  
the European Reservation Bill, as was  
expected, passed its second reading unopposed.  
In fact so little difference of opinion was  
there on the subject that the Hon. P. R. RYAN  
could not find a second to his motion for  
the postponement of the second clause of the  
Bill to allow time for further consideration  
as regards the line of demarcation. It has  
hitherto been a custom in the Legislative  
Council, a custom amounting to an unwritten  
law, that any unofficial member should  
support him, even though they might not  
entirely differ in their views on the measure  
at the time under consideration. The fact  
that Mr. RYAN could find no second on  
Wednesday last is therefore somewhat remarkable.  
The Government can always  
pass a Bill through in a hurry if they wish,  
and it is therefore almost a matter of self-  
defence that the unofficial members should  
support each other when any one of their  
number has a reasonable request to prefer  
for time for further consideration. If such  
a motion were made obviously for the purpose  
of obstruction the case would be different,  
but that the motive in the present instance  
was not obstruction was clear on the face  
of it. In the first place Mr. RYAN did not  
attend at the first place of dissent from the  
principle of the Bill; and in the second place,  
his statement that there had not been sufficient  
time to consider its details was true in fact,  
as the Bill had only been before the public for  
six days. The Governor, after the clause had  
been read and passed, so far recognized the  
disputable justice of Mr. RYAN's request  
that he consented to leave the Bill in Com-  
mittee, notwithstanding that there was no  
second to the motion for a postponement.  
As everybody must concur with His Ex-  
cellency that there is no great hurry in the  
matter, that is, that no injury would be  
done by a week's delay, the despatch of the  
Bill by his brother officials has something of  
the mysterious about it.

It is well the Bill was left in Committee,  
for it will require amendment before it can  
be regarded as satisfactorily complete. We  
do not refer to the line of demarcation, but  
to the question of space allowance and its  
bearing on the arrangements in the Govern-  
ment establishments, namely, the Military  
and Police Barracks. A clause exempting  
these from the operation of the Ordinance  
was proposed, but His Excellency did not  
approve it, because it would be allowing the  
colonies to break the law and would have the  
appearance of self-stultification; he also  
considered it unnecessary on the ground  
that "this is a matter of Government  
preservation." On referring to the Bill we  
find the law can be set in motion "upon the  
complaint of any person, whether such person  
be aggrieved or not," so that it would be  
quite competent for any one to take out  
a summons against the General or the Cap-  
tain-Superintendent of Police if he found the  
barracks were over-occupied. His Excellency  
must have overlooked this, when he said it  
was a matter of Government preservation.  
The military have at present an allowance  
of over a thousand cubic feet of space per  
man in their barracks, but it might at any  
time become necessary to increase the num-  
ber of occupants and so reduce the propor-  
tionate amount of space. In the Police  
Stations the Chinese and Indian constables,  
according to the statement of the Captain  
Superintendent, do not get a thousand feet,  
though we think this is most probably a  
mistake arising from a misreading of the  
Ordinance, which does not require a  
thousand feet of space to each individual  
in a particular room used for sleeping  
purposes, but a thousand feet to each indi-  
vidual measuring the whole space enclosed  
by the four walls of the entire building. On  
this point there seemed to be some misap-  
prehension at the meeting of Council. Refer-  
ence was made to the space allowed by the  
Public Health Bill, three hundred cubic  
feet, but that applies to any domestic  
building "or portion thereof," this being  
intended to meet the division of  
Chinese houses into sub-tenements, where-  
as the Reservation Ordinance simply pro-  
vides that no house shall "be divided  
with the object of providing for it" (i.e. the  
house, not the division) "occupation by

more than one person to every one thousand  
cubic feet of clear internal space, nor shall  
such non-Chinese tenement be at any time  
occupied by more than one person to every  
one thousand cubic feet of clear internal  
space." It would therefore be quite lawful  
for a person occupying a terrace house to use  
the two lower floors for business purposes  
and provide sleeping accommodation for  
forty persons in the two upper rooms. This  
may seem a remote contingency, though more  
unlikely things have happened, and in fact  
a tendency in that direction is already  
discernible.

It is worth a hint to pause and ask whether  
the Bill is likely after all to do any good.  
With its object we most heartily sympathize,  
provided it can be attained without injustice  
and without undue sacrifice. Our criticism is  
of a friendly nature, and is offered with the  
view of obtaining the best measure feasible.  
If we are to have a measure of the kind, the  
present one unambiguously does not go far  
enough. Our impression is that it will be  
found, if passed in its present form, to have  
no effect whatever, or if anything an  
effect contrary to that intended. What is  
the character of the new description of  
house by which what was formerly the  
European district has of late been invaded?  
Not the Chinese shanties that were  
common in the early days of the colony,  
but well built houses of two or three stories,  
and occupied indifferently by Chinese and  
by the less well-to-do of the European  
community. The latest block erected is at  
the corner of Hollywood Road and Old  
Bailey Street, where the bungalows below  
Alexandra Terrace formerly stood. Alexan-  
dra Terrace itself is now in process of con-  
version. As His Excellency has shown a dis-  
position to look into things for himself we  
would respectfully suggest for His Ex-  
cellency's consideration the advisability of mak-  
ing a personal inspection of this lot of prop-  
erty. He will find that the houses cannot  
properly be called either European or Chi-  
nese, judging from their structure, for they  
belong to a decidedly composite style, and  
their occupation is equally composite. It  
will, if we mistake not, also be found that  
they are not occupied in excess of one indi-  
vidual to every thousand feet of clear internal  
space, nor in fact to anything like that limit.  
If we are correct in our surmise, such houses  
might be legally built under the new Or-  
dinance in the district reserved for Euro-  
pean residences, and as there is not the  
slightest probability of houses of a worse  
class being built, as in fact this is the par-  
ticular class of houses it is desired to exclude,  
it follows that the Bill would be absolutely  
useless. On the other hand, to raise the  
legal minimum of space for each individual  
might, as Mr. RYAN suggests, entail hard-  
ship on some of the poorer members of the  
European community who are compelled to  
occupy sub-divided houses. The problem  
seems to us a more difficult one than seems  
to have been generally supposed, and quite  
apart from the question of the line of demar-  
cation, there are good reasons why the Bill  
should not be passed in a hurry, why ample  
time should be given for its mature con-  
sideration.

The difficulty with which the Bill proposes  
to deal is an unmitigatedly existent and very  
pressing one. It is due to a mistaken policy  
on the part of the Government, and while  
the effort to amend the mistake is worthy of  
recognition, it must also be recognized that  
the task is not an easy one. Until Sir  
JOHN PEARCE HENNESSY's regime the Cross  
Roads had been looked upon as the limit of  
the Chinese quarter. At that time there  
was a large demand for land among the  
Chinese, and some owners of property in the  
European quarter, finding that they could  
if allowed to sell for conversion into Chinese  
houses, realize at a great advantage, made  
application to the Government. Sir JOHN  
PEARCE HENNESSY, who would gladly have  
seen the Europeans crowded out of the  
colony altogether, readily granted the per-  
mission, contrary to the advice of the  
principal officials, notably Mr. (now Sir)  
CHARLES SMITH. The great fire of 1872,  
which destroyed a large number of Euro-  
pean houses in the district on which the  
Chinese were trenching, gave a further  
impetus to the movement, which has  
gone on steadily ever since, notwithstanding  
that Government has declined, as we are  
informed by Sir WILLIAM DAS VELOZ, the  
right to refuse permission for the erection of  
Chinese houses and has in consequence exer-  
cised it. Differences of opinion may prevail as  
to the conditions on which land should be held,  
but no one can blame a landlord for de-  
vouring to deal with his property in the  
most advantageous way to himself so long  
as he complies with the conditions of his  
holding, whatever they may be. The re-  
sponsibility for the present state of things  
therefore rests wholly with the Government,  
and the remedy is now put forward in not  
commensurate with the mistake. His Ex-  
cellency says: "The Land Commission, with  
his Honour the Chief Justice, now absent,  
sitting at its head, tested the restrictions on  
the building of Chinese houses as though  
they were legal. In fact, they were recom-  
mended to be continued. Of course it is







